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Please, I urge the PDA to make effective immediately the following changes to the proposed regulations:

1. Exempt direct transactions from producer to consumer from these regulations.

Why do this?

- 1) PA economy depends on the direct farm to consumer raw milk transaction. In state + out of state consumers boost PA's economy.
- 2) Direct transactions between the producer + consumer DO NOT IMPACT THE PUBLIC'S health, safety or welfare. They are purely private in nature.

Furthermore, states that allow unlicensed sale of raw milk direct from farmer to consumer have a good track record for food safety. And, the

Testing for "pathogens" should actually be testing for "pathogens that cause illness in humans."

Why? Because . . .

- 1) Not all "pathogens" CAUSE illness in humans.
- 2) It isn't reasonable to use PA state resources to test for things that don't cause illness in people and that, therefore, pose no public health threat!
- 3) Shutting down a farmer for something that poses absolutely no human health risks hurts the livelihood of PA's farmers. It hurts the consumers and the people who can't consume other kinds of milk due to allergies, etc.
And it HURTS THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

I urge you to make these changes now for ALL THE PEOPLE —
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